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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to initiation of the prosecution of the above-identified pending U.S. patent application, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

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## CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present application claims priority from French Application No. 01/00762, filed January 19, 2001, all of which is incorporated herein by reference.

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